

Church Environment and Arts

Corpus Christi Ministry Fact sheet

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Name of Your Ministry: Church Environment

Patron Saint: Blessed Junipero Serra

What is the main goal of your ministry?

The main goals of this ministry is to creatively plan and use art and decor to bring beauty and glory into God's house, to enhance and focus the Liturgy both in ordinary time and through the special seasons of the Church, and to make the church a place of warm hospitality. The ministry will create or buy flower arrangements, banners, etc. to fit the decorating plan. The ministry also maintains the holy water fonts, makes sure the plants and arrangements are watered and presentable.

Who does your ministry serve?

Our priest and laity of Corpus Christi.

What are your works and how often and when do you provide them?

Once a week – clean and replenish holy water fonts; 1 -2 times a week – water plants and remove expired flowers, leaves, arrangements, remove fallen leaves etc. ; 2-3 hours setup time to change liturgical drapes for each season, update décor. Plan and execute a decorating plan for the appropriate church season/feast days. The plans are reviewed with the pastor for approval. Purchase flowers/plants/supplies at local floral and supply shops as needed. The Christmas and/or Easter decorating team is formed by the pastor, each team handles all aspects of the decorating for that season and reports to the pastor for final approval.

What events, church and/or social, does your ministry hold each year?

Attend as a group the “Annual Church Flower Show at St. Mary’s Cathedral in San Francisco, usually in the fall.

What day(s) and time does your ministry meet as a group? Where do you meet?

The ministry leader has been designated to attend the Liturgy board meetings the second Tuesday of every month in the rectory. As a group, we meet in September to get an overall plan, and one month before the change of the church season to review the action plan.

What attributes/talent/gifts/interests are needed in your ministry?

Experience in flower arranging helpful but not necessary, interest in decorating.

Why do you serve in your ministry?

I really enjoy serving God by making his house beautiful, spiritual, and holy.